

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) In a machine for applying dressing to a bowling lane, the improvement comprising:

a driven applicator roll operable to apply dressing to the surface of a lane as the machine travels along the lane; and

a non-rotary brush assembly disposed in engagement with said applicator roll for transferring dressing received by the brush assembly to the applicator roll[.] ,

said applicator roll having a plurality of generally radially outwardly projecting bristles,
said brush assembly having bristles that are disposed in interengagement with the bristles of the applicator roll.

2. (canceled)

3. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 1,
said brush assembly having bristles that project downwardly toward the applicator roll such that the force of gravity assists the brush assembly in delivering dressing to the applicator roll.

4. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 3,
said bristles of the brush assembly being disposed at an inclined angle.

5. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 4,
the angle of inclination of the bristles being approximately 45°.

6. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 4,
said brush assembly engaging the applicator roll in an upper portion of the roll.

7. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 3,
said bristles being constructed from a synthetic resinous material.
8. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 1,
further comprising a dressing dispensing head movable along a path of travel generally
parallel to the axis of rotation of the applicator roll and disposed to dispense dressing
to the brush assembly during such movement.
9. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 1,
said brush assembly being adjustably shiftable toward and away from the applicator roll.
10. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 1,
said brush assembly comprising a pair of strip brushes extending generally parallel to the
axis of rotation of the applicator roll and spaced circumferentially from one another
around the applicator roll.
11. (currently amended) In a machine as claimed in claim [9] 10,
further comprising a dressing dispenser disposed to dispense dressing to one of said strip
brushes,
the other strip brush being spaced from the dressing dispenser.
12. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 11,
said other strip brush being disposed to engage the applicator roll at a point between said one
strip brush and the lane surface.
13. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 12,
said strip brushes engaging the applicator roll in an upper portion of the roll.

14. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 11,
said strip brushes having bristles that project downwardly toward the applicator roll such that
the force of gravity assists said one strip brush in delivering dressing to the applicator
roll.

15. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 14,
said bristles of the strip brushes being disposed at an inclined angle.

16. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 15,
the angle of inclination of the bristles being approximately 45°.

17. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 10,
said strip brushes having bristles constructed from a synthetic resinous material.

18. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 1,
said brush assembly having bristles constructed from a synthetic resinous material.

19. (canceled)

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) In a machine for applying dressing to the surface of a bowling lane, an improved dressing transfer mechanism comprising:

a non-rotary brush assembly including an elongated, generally horizontally extending strip brush; and

a dressing dispenser disposed to supply dressing to the strip brush for subsequent redistribution[.],

said strip brush including a set of downwardly projecting, inclined bristles presenting an inclined upper side,

said dispenser comprising a dispensing head movable along a path of travel extending generally parallel to and above the strip brush,

said dispenser being disposed to discharge lane dressing onto the upper side of the bristles of the strip brush as the dispenser moves along its path of travel.

23. (canceled)

24. (original claim) In a machine as claimed in claim 22,
further comprising a driven applicator roll disposed in engagement with the lane surface and the strip brush for receiving dressing from the strip brush and applying it to the lane surface.

25. (currently amended) In a method of transferring dressing to a bowling lane, the improvement comprising:

providing a source of lane dressing;

dispensing lane dressing from the source onto a non-rotating brush assembly that includes at least one strip brush having bristles; and

transferring dressing from the strip brush to ~~another surface~~ a rotary applicator roll having bristles disposed in engagement with the lane and with the bristles of the strip brush for obtaining dressing from the strip brush and applying it to the lane.

26. (canceled)

27. (original claim) In a method as claimed in claim 25, said dispensing step including dispensing the dressing from a dispenser that moves back and forth along the length of the strip brush.

28. (currently amended) In a method as claimed in claim 25, said transferring step including inclining the strip brush downwardly toward said ~~another surface~~ applicator roll such that the force of gravity assists in transferring dressing from the strip brush to said ~~another surface~~ applicator roll.